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West Valley City to Initiate Sister City Student Exchange Program with Nantou, Taiwan in 2012; Seeks Community Participation and Support

West Valley City – The West Valley City Sister City Committee is initiating a student exchange program with its sister city of Nantou, Taiwan, and is seeking high school age students (must be enrolled in high school as of May 2012) in West Valley City interested in participating. Students will have the opportunity to stay in Nantou for one month to learn Mandarin Chinese, visit government installations, tour historic sites, and view the beautiful countryside and landscape. In addition, students will study music, and arts while experiencing life in Nantou among their hosts.

Students will stay in private homes and will be transported to exchange-sponsored activities during their stay by the families with whom they are residing. As part of the exchange, students will be expected to host a student from Nantou in their home and to provide transportation to all exchange-sponsored activities in Utah for one month that same summer. The Exchange delegation from West Valley City is scheduled to leave for Taiwan the first part of June 2012; the Nantou delegation is scheduled to arrive in West Valley City the first part of August 2012. Exchange participants will be responsible for providing their own airfare to Taiwan.

Students with Mandarin language skills (non mandatory) or a performable talent such as music, dance or cultural arts, are encouraged to apply. Those participating in this program will be asked to perform at home and in Nantou, Taiwan.

In addition to exchange participants, the West Valley City Sister City Committee is seeking individuals who would like to become involved in this international exchange or to serve as members of the West Valley City Sister City Committee. Volunteers are needed to provide transportation, and to teach classes in English conversation, arts and crafts, history and other subjects.

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